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SUBJECT: FRG RELATIONS WITH BULGARIA; THE SCHEEL VISIT

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1. FONOFF REP WHO WAS MEMBER OF SCHEEL'S DELEGATION HAS
CONFIRMED REFTEL DESCRIPTION OF VISIT AS HAVING TAKEN
PLACE IN VERY FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE WITHOUT YIELDING
MUCH OF SUBSTANCE. GERMANS WERE PLEASED BY THE
RECEPTION ACCORDED THEM AND WERE APPARENTLY TAKEN BY
SURPRISE BY BULGARIAN GESTURE IN RELEASING 10 OF 11
GERMANS HELD IN BULGARIAN PRISONS. NINE OF THE TEN
RELEASED HAD BEEN CONVICTED OF ASSISTING FLIGHT OF GDR
CITIZENS. THE MAN KEPT IS IMPRISONED ON THE SAME CHARGE;
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OUR CONTACT THOUGHT THE BULGARIANS MIGHT HAVE RETAINED

HIM AS SYMBOL TO UPHOLD PRINCIPLE OF SOVEREIGN RIGHT OF GDR AND OTHER EE'S TO PUNISH THOSE WHO HELP WOULD-BE REFUGEES.

2. DISCUSSION OF POLITICAL MATTERS, BOTH BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL, WAS ENTIRELY ROUTINE. BULGARIANS MADE TOKEN STATEMENTS ON CSCE AND MBFR. THEY MADE CLEAR, OUR CONTACT SAID, THAT THEY WERE PREPARED TO GO AS FAST IN DEVELOPING RELATIONS WITH BONN AS BONN WAS ABLE TO GO IN DEVELOPING ITS RELATIONSHIP TO THE SOVIET UNION. THEY EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN OVER DELAY IN BRANDT VISIT TO USSR, HOPING THIS DID NOT SIGNIFY EXISTENCE OF ANY SERIOUS PROBLEMS. GERMANS REPLIED THAT THERE WERE CERTAIN PROBLEMS, PARTICULARLY IN CONNECTION WITH BERLIN. ZHIVKOV THEN APPARENTLY MADE REMARK (WHICH CAUSED SOME AMUSEMENT IN FRG DELEGATION) TO EFFECT THAT BULGARIA WOULD GIVE FULL SUPPORT TO WHATEVER SOLUTIONS THE GERMANS AND RUSSIANS ARRIVED AT.

3. POLITICO-ECONOMIC POINTS OF INTEREST:

(A) BULGARIANS EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER DEFICIT IN THEIR BILATERAL BALANCE OF TRADE WITH FRG. ZHIVKOV WONDERED WHETHER BALANCE COULD BE ESTABLISHED BY FRG GRANT OF CREDIT TO BULGARIA. SCHEEL EXPLAINED WHY FRG'S CURRENT ECONOMIC STABILIZATION POLICY MADE THIS IMPOSSIBLE AND TRIED TO DEMONSTRATE THAT HOLDING DOWN THE RATE OF INFLATION IN THE FRG WAS OF SIGNIFICANT VALUE TO BONN'S TRADING PARTNERS.

(B) BULGARIANS MADE PITCH FOR EC PREFERENCE STATUS BUT AT SAME TIME MADE CLEAR THAT THEY WERE NOT PREPARED, LIKE THE ROMANIANS, TO ADDRESS THEMSELVES TO THE EC ITSELF. GERMANS TOLD THEM THEY WERE TALKING TO THE WRONG PEOPLE.

(C) NOT A WORD WAS SAID ABOUT CHARTER FLIGHTS FROM WEST BERLIN TO BULGARIA.
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